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OF
THE CHILDREN
OF
DAVID M. HOOVER AND
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OF
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Elkhart, Indiana,
Christmas 1936

Dear Mary Esther,

Thomas and

Barbara:

As one after the other of our ancestors and near relatives of the older generations passed, I many times thought that I would, some time ere it be too late, gather together some information concerning the lives and the families of those from whom we have descended, and put it into form so that it could be preserved. But I have neglected doing this until now, when it is too late to get much reliable information extending far into the past.

Realizing however, that the information that I possess of my own knowledge would in time be as difficult for you to obtain as older material is now difficult for me to obtain, and believing that as years pass, you will more and more appreciate this little effort of mine, I have devoted myself to this task. I am affectionately,

Your dad,

David M. Hoover.

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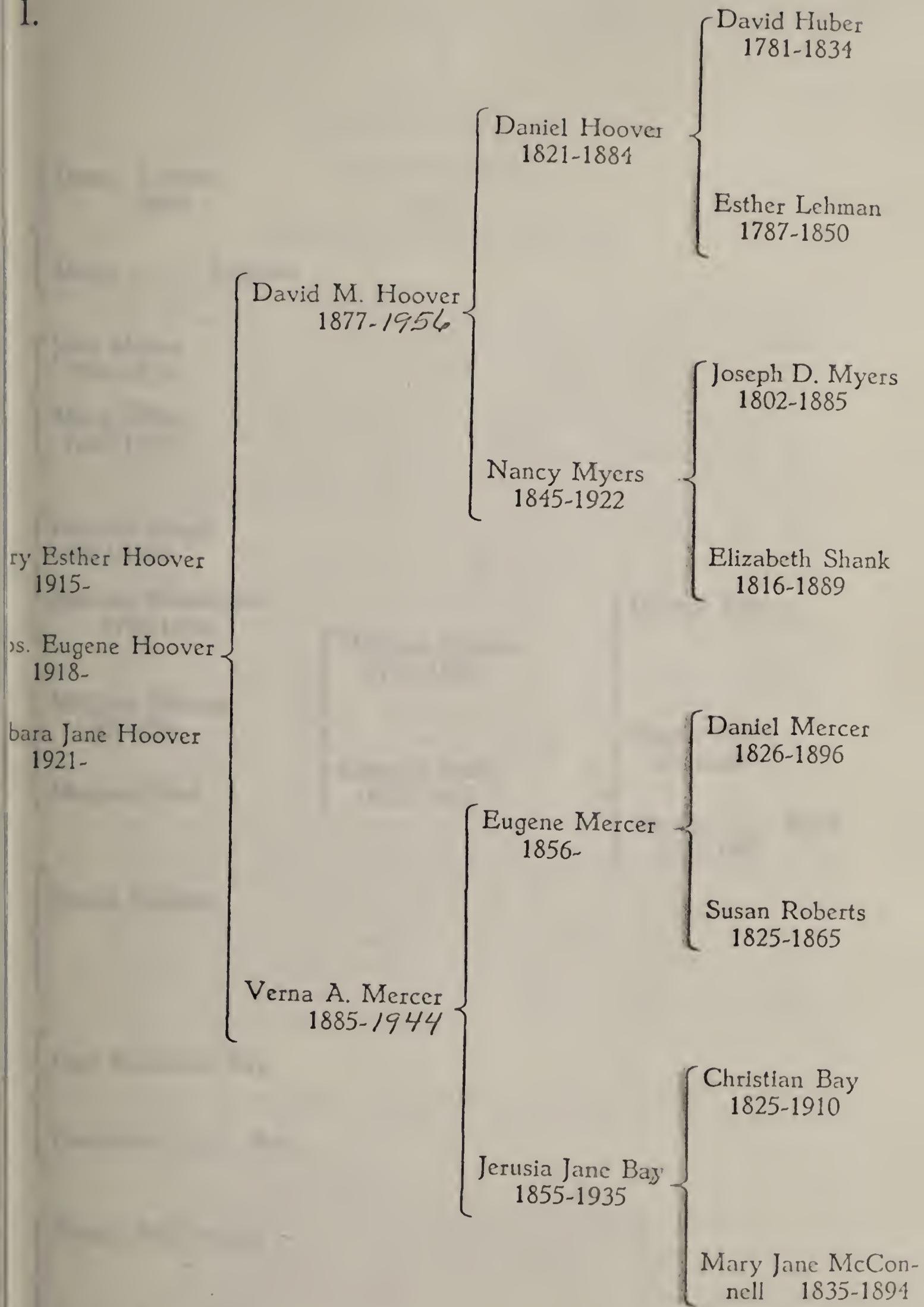
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{ Daniel Lehman
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{ Maria Lehman

{ John Myers
1760-1839

{ Mary Dillon
1767-1857

{ Michael Shank
1783-1865

{ Barbara Weidmann
1790-1836

{ William Mercer
1805-1849

{ Magaret Ikirt

{ William Mercer
1775-1839
Charity Pettit
1781-1855

{ George Mercer

{ Daniel Pettit
1744-1831

{ Martha Pettit
1751-1827

{ Joseph Roberts

{ Carl Frederick Bey

{ Catherine Bey

{ Patrick McConnell

{ Jerusia Jane Reed

II.

Lines of Great-grandparents **DAVID HUBER** and **ESTHER LEHMAN-HUBER**

DAVID HUBER, (1781-1834).

No information is known to have come down concerning the nativity and antecedents of David Huber except the recollection of some that certain of his children at times made mention that their father came from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He first appears in Franklin County of that state, where some time between the years 1804 and 1809 he married **ESTHER LEHMAN** (1787-1850) daughter of Daniel and Maria Lehman of Greene Township. They settled in that county and township and the only information we have concerning their life there is that they bought a "high priced" farm, could not pay for it, lost it and in 1826 moved to Mahoning County, Ohio.

There they bought and operated a farm about three miles north of the town of Columbiana, near what is known as the Midway Mennonite Church. They and many of their descendants are buried in the cemetery adjoining that church. The family was a Pennsylvania Dutch, Mennonite family. There seems to have been confusion wherever they lived between the names Huber and Hoover. Records in Pennsylvania would indicate that they used the two names almost indiscriminately. In Ohio they adhered more closely to the name Huber, but those of their children who moved to Indiana took the name Hoover. Pronounced in the language that they spoke the two names are almost indistinguishable, and whereas other families by the name of Hoover were living in their Pennsylvania and Indiana communities, they probably accepted the spelling of their name as it was known in those communities. Their children and grandchildren are:

1. **MARY WISLER, (1809-1860), wife of REV. JACOB WISLER.**

- (a) David Whisler
- (b) Hannah Whisler
- (c) Susanna Culp, wife of Henry D. Culp
- (d) Magdalena Culp, wife of David Culp
- (e) Mary Culp, wife of Joseph Culp
- (f) John H. Whisler

2. MAGDALENA YODER, (1811-1882), wife of JOHN YODER
(a) David Yoder
(b) Nancy Yoder
(c) Samuel Yoder
(d) Jacob Yoder
(e) John H. Yoder
(f) Sarah Yoder
(g) Mary Yoder
3. REBECCA HUBER, (1813-1890)
4. SUSANNA HOOVER, (1815-1887)
5. ELIZABETH HUBER, (1816-1843)
6. KATHRYNE STOFFER, (1818-1892), wife of JACOB STOFFER
7. SAMUEL HOOVER, (1819-1879)
(a) Susanna Anglemyer, wife of Frank Anglemyer
(b) John W. Hoover
(c) David W. Hoover
(d) Jonas R. Hoover
8. DANIEL HOOVER, (1821-1884)
(a) Jacob S. Hoover
(b) Noah S. Hoover
(c) Sarah Weaver, wife of Benjamin L. Weaver
(d) Anna Christophel, wife of Rev. Jacob W. Christophel
(e) Michael S. Hoover
(f) Daniel S. Hoover
(g) Frances Hoover
(h) Dr. Joseph M. Huber
(i) David M. Hoover
(j) John M. Hoover
(k) Ezra M. Hoover
9. ANNA CHRISTOPHEL, (1823-1888), wife of REV. CHRISTIAN CHRISTOPEL
(a) Catherine Miller, wife of Joel H. Müller
(b) David H. Christophel
(c) Susanna Diener, wife of Christian K. Diener
(d) Frances Roose, wife of David Roose
(e) Samuel H. Christophel
(f) Rebecca Christophel

10. ESTHER NOLD, (1826-1901), wife of JOHN NOLD

- (a) Catherine Miller, wife of George Miller
- (b) William H. Nold
- (c) Mary Yoder, wife of John Yoder
- (d) Sarah Harold, wife of Elmer Harold

11. FRANCES HOOVER, (1827-1897)

12. DAVID L. HOOVER, (1830-1912)

- (a) Mary Blough, wife of William D. Blough
- (b) Samuel R. Hoover
- (c) Noah R. Hoover

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III.

Lines of Great-grandparents **JOSEPH D. MYERS** and **ELIZABETH SHANK-MYERS**

JOHN MYERS, (1760-1839)

and his wife MARY DILLON-MYERS (1767-1857), with their thirteen children, viz., Elizabeth (Mrs. Shank), Abraham, John, Samuel, Jacob, Maria (Mrs. Christian Shank), Peter, Joseph, Anna (Mrs. John Stauffer), Barbara (Mrs. Henry Shank), Christian, Henry and Fanny (Mrs. Jonas Shank) were a Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonite family, living in Washington County, Maryland, eight miles northeast of Hagerstown on the little Antietam. In 1832 the family went west and settled in Putnam County, Ohio.

MICHAEL SHANK, (1783-1865)

and his wife BARBARA WIEDMANN-SHANK (1790-1836), with their thirteen children (twelve daughters and a son, the youngest), viz., Catherine (Mrs. Moses Glimenhaga), Barbara (Mrs. John Oyer), Anna (Mrs. Heizy), Fanny (Mrs. Snyder), Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph D. Myers), Esther (Mrs. David Spitnale), Lydia (Mrs. Jacob Myers), Mary (Mrs. Solomon Myers), Sally (Mrs. Shafer), Susan (Mrs. David Hoover), Eva (Mrs. William Dicus), Christena (Mrs. David Whisler) and Michael, Jr., were a Mennonite family of German descent living at Markham in Upper Canada. At about the same time that the Myers family moved from Maryland to Putnam County, the Shank family also moved from Upper Canada to Putnam County. Two of the Myers' sons married two of the Shank daughters. Jacob Myers married Lydia Shank and

JOSEPH D. MYERS, (1802-1885)

married ELIZABETH SHANK (1816-1889). They owned and operated a farm on the south bank of the Blanchard River about seven miles westwardly from Ottawa, Ohio.

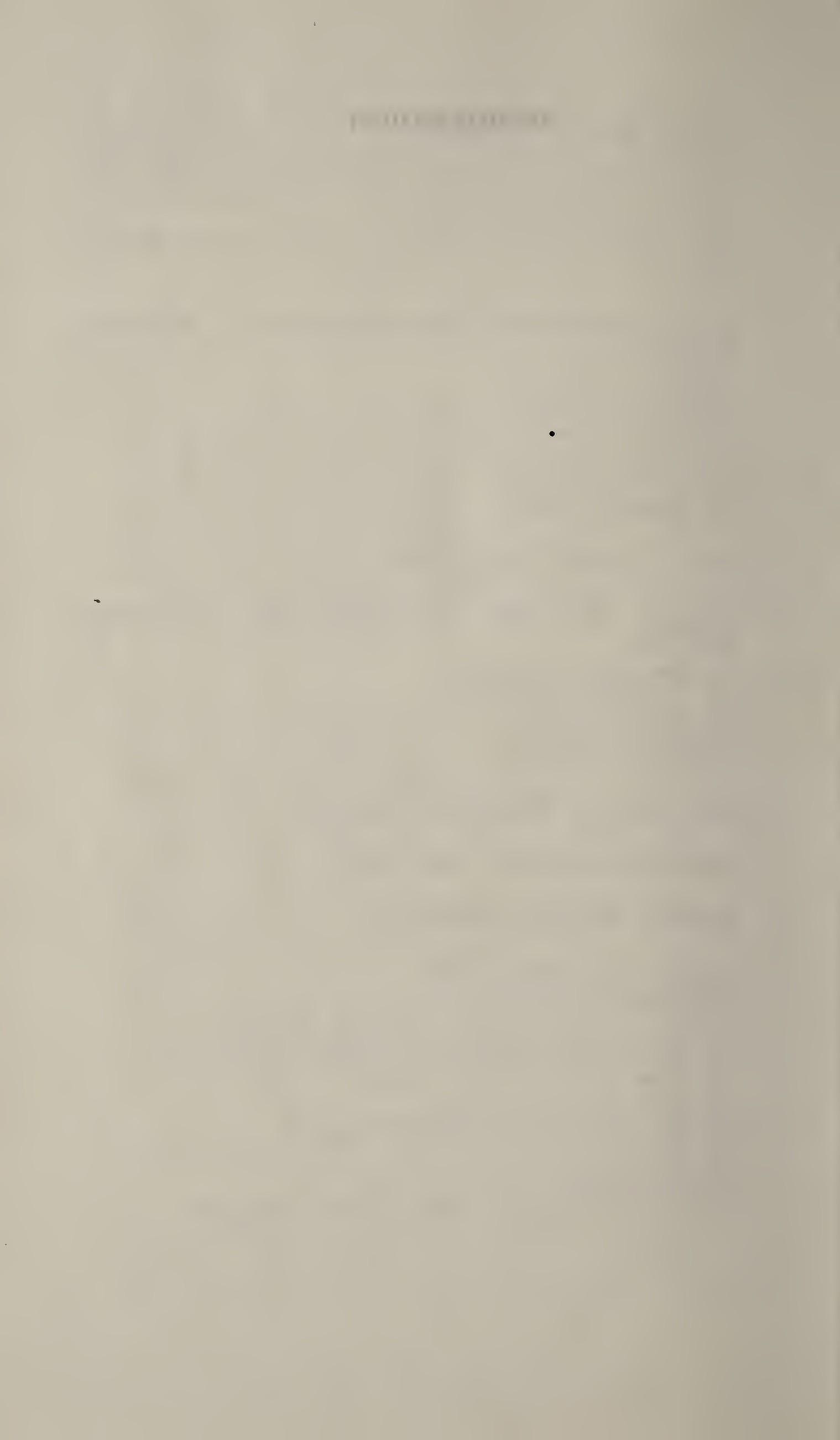
On this, Joseph D. Myers Farm is located a small family cemetery in which are buried the above mentioned John and Mary Dillon-Myers, Barbara Wiedmann-Shank, Joseph D. and Elizabeth Myers, Jacob and Lydia Myers and many of the descend-

ants of these. In 1862, many years after the death of his wife Michael Shank, Sr., moved with his son Rev. Michael Shank, Jr., to St. Joseph County, Indiana, where he died in 1865. He is buried in an old cemetery one and one-half miles south and two miles west of Lakeville, Indiana.

The children and grandchildren of Joseph D. and Elizabeth Myers are:

1. MARY PROWANT, (1841-1912), wife of EPHRIAM PROWANT
 - (a) Noah Prowant
 - (b) Joseph Prowant
 - (c) Jacob Prowant
 - (d) Orlando Prowant
 - (e) Elizabeth Prowant
 - (f) Michael Prowant
2. JONAS MYERS, (1843-1872)
3. NANCY HOOVER, (1845-1922), wife of DANIEL HOOVER
 - (a) Dr. Joseph M. Huber
 - (b) David M. Hoover
 - (c) John M. Hoover
 - (d) Ezra M. Hoover
4. MICHAEL W. MYERS, (1847-1882)
5. BARBARA MYERS, (1849-1935)
6. FANNY MYERS, (1852-1951)
7. SOPHIA E. CROW, (1854-)
 - (a) Ammon D. Crow
 - (b) Ada B. Rowland, wife of Murray Rowland
 - (c) Elizabeth Matthews, wife of William H. Matthews
 - (d) Mary M. Peltes, wife of Martin T. Peltes
 - (e) Harry Crow
 - (f) Fannie Book, wife of Wilbert L. Book
 - (g) Atley Crow
 - (h) Joseph Crow
 - (i) Lulu S. Thompson, wife of Leo D. Thompson

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IV.

Lines of Great-grandparents DANIEL MERCER, SUSAN ROBERTS-MERCER and LUCY ALLER-MERCER

GEORGE MERCER,

a native of Scotland, a Quaker, married a Welsh woman whose name is not known, and migrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. There is a tradition that he served in the Revolutionary War under a Captain Clark. His son

WILLIAM MERCER, (1775-1839)

in the year 1798 married CHARITY PETTIT, (1781-1855) daughter of Daniel Pettit, 1744-1831 and Martha Pettit, (1751-1827) all of Lancaster County. Prior to the year 1805 they moved to Columbiana County, Ohio, where they lived until 1834, when they moved to Wood County, Ohio. They had thirteen children, as follows: Martha, wife of Andrew Pettit, Mary Ann, wife of Enos Monehan, George, William, John Daniel, Beulah, wife of William Pike, Caleb, Charity, wife of Samuel Taylor, Lucretia, wife of Henry Groves, Abraham, Alice Ann and Charles. Some of these settled in the region around Columbiana County and did not accompany their parents to Wood County, Ohio.

WILLIAM MERCER, Jr.,

was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, August 13, 1805, and died in Wood County, Ohio in the year 1849. At about the age of twenty he married MARGARET IKIRT, a native of Pennsylvania. Some time after the year 1826 they left Columbiana County and lived for some time in Starke County, Ohio, and then in 1836 they followed his parents to Wood County and located in Portage Township where he farmed and at times taught school during the winter. He died at the age of forty-three and his wife died within two years of the time of his death. Of the fifteen children that had been born to them, twelve survived them, of whom Daniel was the oldest. They were:

Daniel, Elizanna, wife of Josiah Milburn, Elizabeth, wife of William Johnson, Pierce, Mary Ann, wife of Cornelius Simons, Harriet, wife of George Babcock, Bielby, Margaret, (a twin), wife of Robert Johnson, Martha, (a twin), wife of Fred Amos, Rufus, Euphemia, wife of Russel Chilcote, and Caroline, wife of John Boozer.

DANIEL MERCER

was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, August 3, 1826. He came with his parents to Wood County in 1836 and on March 11th, 1847, married SUSAN ROBERTS, daughter of Joseph Roberts of Bloom Township. She died on August 22, 1865, leaving a family of eleven children, one of whom, Sardis, died in that same year. On January 2, 1867, he married LUCY A. ALLER, a widow with seven children, and later there were born to them their two youngest sons, Leonidas and Robert. Her oldest son, Nelson Aller, died in an early year of their marriage. The family then numbered nineteen children and stepchildren. It is said that both parents were equal to their task, that they were firm, considerate and impartial and that obedience and respect were accorded them. The family was thrifty, frugal and industrious. Oil was also found on land owned by him and he prospered and became affluent. He and his family were deeply religious and were devout members of the Church of Christ (Disciples) at Rudolph and some of them later at Bowling Green, Ohio. He was for more than thirty years an elder in the church, was liberal in his support of and donations to churches and to church schools. He gave generously to Bethany College and to Hiram College. A son and a number of his grandchildren attended Bethany College on scholarships provided by him. In advancements made to the children and in provision made by will for the division of his estate he treated both children and stepchildren alike. The six surviving stepchildren were: Elliott Aller, Maggie Mercer, wife of Porterfield Mercer, Zerelza Miller, wife of James Miller, Amos Aller, Rebecca Mercer, wife of J. Dowling Mercer, and Henry Aller.

William Mercer, Sr., and wife, Charity Pettit-Mercer, Daniel Mercer, and wife, Lucy Aller-Mercer, and many of the descendants of these are buried in the cemetery at Rudolph, Ohio. William Mercer, Jr., and wife, Margaret Ikirt-Mercer, and Susan Roberts-Mercer, are buried in an old neglected cemetery back off the road about one one and one-half miles northwestwardly from Rudolph, on what is known as the Fulton Mercer Farm. The children and grandchildren of Daniel Mercer are:

1. EMALINE WELTON, wife of SELDON WELTON

- (a) Lilly Cornell, wife of Jesse Cornell
- (b) Della Hires, wife of Lorenzo Hires
- (c) Emmet Welton
- (d) Norton Welton
- (e) Myrtle Brubaker, wife of George Brubaker
- (f) Daniel Welton
- (g) John Welton
- (h) Clayton Welton
- (i) Estella Edna Welton
- (j) Erma Welton
- (k) Anna Welton
- (l) Clarence Welton

2. DELASCUS MERCER

- (a) Lucy White, wife of James White
- (b) Dr. Edward Mercer
- (c) Clarence Mercer
- (d) Matilda Yealey, wife of Lee Yealey
- (e) Abraham Mercer
- (f) Daniel Mercer

3. APPALINDA WHITACRE-KNIGHT, wife of SAMUEL WHITACRE, wife of JOHN KNIGHT

- (a) Dr. Thomas O. Whitacre
- (b) Aletha Whitacre-Wilson, wife of Charles Wilson
- (c) Deyo Knight

4. ALMIRA PLACE, wife of ROBERT PLACE

- (a) Alfred W. Place
- (b) Alta Clayton, wife of John Clayton

5. ALCINUS MERCER

- (a) May Garber, wife of Harry Garber
- (b) Alma Gandy-Burgoyne, wife of Harry Gandy, Charles Burgoyne
- (c) Norma Poage
- (d) Dr. Lloyd Mercer

6. EUGENE MERCER

- (a) Mabel Jane Smith, wife of Rev. Jesse G. Smith
- (b) Verna Alpine Hoover, wife of David M. Hoover
- (c) Edith Zoe Keller, wife of Arch Keller

7. SARDIS MERCER, (1858-1865)

8. RUTH MARBLE, wife of ROBERT MARBLE
 - (a) Lee Marble
9. CYRENU S MERCER
 - (a) Ira Mercer
 - (b) Owen Mercer
10. FLORENCE GREINER, (a twin), wife of CLARENCE GREINER
11. FLORA FELLERS, (a twin), wife of MILTON FELLERS
12. REV. LEONIDAS I. MERCER
 - (a) Flora Brennan, wife of Dr. Thomas P. Brennan
 - (b) Mary McBroom, wife of Francis M. McBroom
13. ROBERT MERCER
 - (a) Jessie Howe, wife of Raymond Howe
 - (b) Morris Mercer
 - (c) Lillian Schaller, wife of Elmer Schaller

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V.

Lines of Great-grandparents **CHRISTIAN BAY** and **MARY JANE McCONNELL-BAY**

CARL FREDERICK BEY (wife CATHERINE BEY)

was a resident of Wittenberg, Germany, was an officer in the Prussian army and served in the Napoleonic wars. He took part in Napoleon's advance onto Moscow and was one of the few survivors of the disastrous retreat from that city. His son

CHRISTIAN BAY, (1825-1910)

came to America in 1852 and worked on a railroad at Elyria, Ohio, where he met and in 1854 married MARY JANE McCONNELL, (1835-1894), daughter of an Irish immigrant, Patrick McConnell and Jerusia Jane Reed-McConnell, farmers of Wayne County, Ohio. They lived in Wayne and Lorain counties until 1861 when they moved to Liberty Township, Wood County, Ohio, where he bought a farm and engaged in farming. He was thrifty, frugal and industrious, and oil was also found on his land and he became well-to-do. His wife died in 1894. He later married one ANNA HAGER of Hart, Michigan, with whom he lived for some time. They were later divorced. He and his first wife were members of the German Lutheran Church. They are buried in the cemetery at Rudolph, Ohio. Their children and grandchildren are:

1. **JERUSIA JANE MERCER, (1855-1935), wife of EUGENE MERCER**
 - (a) Mabel Jane Smith, wife of Rev. Jesse G. Smith
 - (b) Verna Alpine Hoover, wife of David M. Hoover
 - (c) Edith Zoe Keller, wife of Arch Keller
2. **GEORGE W. BAY, 1860-1866)**
3. **WILLIAM S. BAY, (1867-1871)**
4. **MARY ALICE BAY, (a twin), (1870-1870)**
5. **MINNIE ALICE BAY, (a twin), (1870-1871)**

6. ELIZABETH LUCRETIA BOWERS, (1872-1960), wife of WILLIAM BOWERS
 - (a) Clarence Bowers
 - (b) Burhl Bowers
 - (c) Carl Bowers
 - (d) Maude Herringshaw, wife of Henry Herringshaw

7. MARY DELPHENE ELLIOTT, (1875-1924), wife of FRANK P. ELLIOTT
 - (a) Cecil Haberman, wife of Charles Haberman
 - (b) Elmer W. Elliott
 - (c) Mabel Bruning, wife of Robert Bruning

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VI.

Descending lines of Grandparents

DANIEL HOOVER
REBECCA SHANK-HOOVER
and
NANCY MYERS-HOOVER

DANIEL HOOVER

was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 1821 and in 1826 moved with his parents to Mahoning County, Ohio. There in 1851 he married REBECCA SHANK, (born April 28, 1830), daughter of Michael Shank, (1799-1865), and Fannie Shank, (1798-1892), also of that county. In the spring of 1855 he moved to Elkhart County, Indiana, where he bought a farm in Harrison Township, adjoining the site of the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church, which farm he owned and occupied during the remainder of his life, and which remains in the family to the present time. On July 28, 1867 his wife Rebecca died. With the help of his sister Susanna, who made her home with him, and with hired help he maintained the home. On June 18, 1874 he married NANCY MYERS, (born September 21, 1845), daughter of Joseph D. Myers, (1802-1885), and Elizabeth Myers, (1816-1889), of Putnam County, Ohio.

He was a farmer and a blacksmith. He was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church and served as deacon in the Yellow Creek congregation for many years.

He died on February 9, 1884. His widow, Nancy, acquired the homestead and occupied it during the remainder of her life. She died on August 15, 1922, in the home of her oldest son, Dr. Joseph M. Huber, in the city of Chicago, whither she had gone just a few months before for treatment and care in her last illness.

He and both his wives and the following of his brothers and sisters, viz., Mary Wisler, Susanna Hoover, Samuel Hoover, Anna Christophel, Frances Hoover and David L. Hoover are buried in the cemeteries adjoining the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. In these cemeteries are also buried all of his deceased children, except Joseph, viz., Jacob S. Hoover, Noah S. Hoover, Anna Christophel, Daniel S. Hoover, Frances Hoover and John M. Hoover. Dr. Joseph M. Huber is buried in Grace Lawn Cemetery in the City of Chicago.

His children and grandchildren are:

1. JACOB S. HOOVER, (1853-1921), wife MATTIE LANDIS
 - (a) Blanch Purdy, wife of Aaron Purdy
 - (b) Mabel Hoover
 - (c) Mary Hoover
 - (d) Walter L. Hoover
2. NOAH S. HOOVER, (1855-1913), wife SARAH KREIDER
 - (a) Anna Hoover
 - (b) J. William Hoover
 - (c) Ada Hartman, wife of Abram Hartman
3. SARAH WEAVER, (1857-1941), husband BENJAMIN L. WEAVER
4. ANNA CHRISTOPHEL, (1859-1936), husband REV. JACOB W. CHRISTOPHEL
 - (a) Elizabeth Weldy, wife of Leander Weldy
 - (b) Elmer Christophel
 - (c) Rev. Allen Christophel
5. MICHAEL S. HOOVER, (1862-1941), wife MAUDE TOBIAS
 - (a) Lloyd Hoover *d. 1937*
 - (b) Esther Mary Hoover
6. DANIEL S. HOOVER, (1864-1933), wife ANNA KREIDER
 - (a) Paul Hoover *d. 1961*
 - (b) Ira Hoover
7. FRANCES HOOVER, (1866-1867)
8. DR. JOSEPH M. HUBER, (1875-1926), wife FRANCES NORTHCOTT
 - (a) Howard Joseph Huber *m. Margaret*
9. DAVID M. HOOVER, (1877-1956), wife VERA A. MERCER
 - (a) Mary Esther Hoover *m. Guy Larvin Ulrey* 1-14-40
 - (b) Thomas Eugene Hoover *m. Margaret Pence* 9-24-44
 - (c) Barbara Jane Hoover *m. Lester Allen Clark* 5-5-46

10. JOHN M. HOOVER, (1879-1934), wife MAE RICHMOND

- (a) Maud Barrick, wife of James Barrick
- (b) Richard Hoover
- (c) Anna Capman, wife of Kenneth Capman
- (d) Robert Hoover
- (e) Daniel Hoover
- (f) Ada Detweiler, wife of Jay Detweiler
- (g) Florence Wingard, wife of Leslie Wingard
- (h) Jay Carlyle Hoover
- (i) Bessie Hoover
- (j) Seth Hoover
- (k) Raymond Hoover
- (l) Nat Hoover
- (m) Donna Jean Hoover

11. EZRA M. HOOVER, (1882-1951), wife FLORENCE KOOS

- (a) Gladys Hoover m. *Luther Coble, Jr.*
- (b) Doris Hoover m. *Marius Boller*
- (c) Helen Hoover m. *William Holler*
- (d) Carol Hoover m. *Robert Greenon*
- (e) Norma Hoover m. *Donald Wysong*
- (f) Donald Hoover m. *Birthe*

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Descending lines of
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EUGENE MERCER
and
JERUSIA JANE BAY-MERCER

EUGENE MERCER,

born March 26, 1856, on March 2, 1882, married JERUSIA JANE BAY, born March 29, 1855. They established their home on his farm in Liberty Township, Wood County, Ohio, where they lived and farmed during the entire period of their married life. Mrs. Mercer died on October 30, 1935, and was buried on their family lot in the Rudolph Cemetery.

They were members of the Rudolph Christian Church, and were of its most faithful workers and supporters. In the Bible school of that church Mr. Mercer was a teacher continuously for more than fifty years.

Their children and grandchildren are:

1. MABEL JANE SMITH, wife of REV. JESSE G. SMITH
 - (a) Charles Smith - m. *Grace Ellen*
 - (b) Marilyn Jane Smith m. *Stanley D. Newton*
2. Verna Alpine Hoover, wife of DAVID M. HOOVER
 - (a) Mary Esther Hoover - m. *Guy Lamoin Ulrey*
 - (b) Thomas Eugene Hoover - m. *Margaret Pence*
 - (c) Barbara Jane Hoover - m. *Lester Allen Clark*
3. EDITH ZOE KELLER, wife of ARCH KELLER
 - (a) Kent Keller m. *Patricia + Jane*
 - (b) Natalie Keller m. *Thomas D. Moreison*

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